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In the Matter of STATE OF LOUISIANA, FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL

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Before the Arbitration Panel consisting of Board Judges GILMORE, McCANN, and STEEL.

The State of Louisiana, Facility Planning and Control (FPC), asked the Board to arbitrate a dispute between it and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) arising out of the FPC's request for a public assistance grant under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 41 U.S.C. § 5172 (2006). The request was for reimbursement of costs incurred as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

On December 13, 2010, the Board received a letter from FEMA stating that all matters raised in the arbitration have been resolved through a settlement agreement and a revised Project Worksheet developed by FEMA. Attached to the letter was a stipulation to dismiss with prejudice. This stipulation states that all matters alleged in the arbitration request have been settled, and that the parties request that the matter be dismissed with prejudice in accordance with the terms set forth in the parties' settlement agreement.

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Accordingly, this arbitration claim before this Board is dismissed.

BERYL S. GILMORE Board Judge

R. ANTHONY McCANN Board Judge

CANDIDA S. STEEL Board Judge